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In re Application of)	
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Serial No. 09/514,113)	Art Unit: 1634
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For: Method For Reducing Artifacts)	
In Nucleic Acid Amplification)	
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on July 16, 2003, please amend consider the following remarks.

Remarks

Claims 1-19, 21-23, 27, 31-45 and 50-80 are pending. Claims 1-19, 21-23, 27, 31-45 and 77-80 are under examination. Claims 50-76 have been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

A. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1-19, 21-23, 27, 31-45 and 77-80 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention and under 35 U.S.C. § 101 are non-statutory subject matter. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.